



# The United Benefice of St Helen, Burghwallis and St Mary Magdalene, Campsall

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. Our Gospel reading speaks of the coming of the Magi – the three Wise Men from the east.

We give gifts because they brought gifts to Jesus. But the gifts were symbolic: the Gold of kingship to show that Jesus was born of the house of David the King of the Jews; Frankincense was the incense associated with the priest who offered prayers to God as bridge between God and mankind, and Myrrh, the spice that was used to anoint the dead as a prophecy of the path that Jesus would take to the cross. The wise men had travelled to see this child born in a stable because they knew that in his birth something cosmic had happened and the world would never be the same.

The Magi came from Persia where they would have been Zoroastrian priest but they come to represent the whole world. In nativity figures, and in our church windows, they are depicted as European, African and Asian to reinforce this message that in the coming of the Magi, the whole world comes to worship Jesus.

May we come to the feet of Jesus and kneel before him in adoration.

Fr Richard

## Happy New Year

### Services

**8.30** Recording of Holy Communion  
at Home – online distribution at  
9.30.

### Campsall

**11.00am** Holy Communion

**St Helen, Burghwallis  
remains closed due to**

## Thank You

to

**Shirley and Alan Troop.**

Through the sale of Christmas  
Cakes they have raised

**£434**

For Church Funds.

Well Done!

*They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

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